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SUBJECT: HABITAT: THE STATE OF PLAY ON HUMAN SETTLEMENT PROGRAMS  
AND A RECOMMENDED COURSE OF ACTION

REF: A) STATE 273120; B) KITCHEN-NORRIS TELECON

1. SUMMARY: RESOLUTIONS DEALING WITH GLOBAL INSTITUTIONAL ARRANGEMENTS ON HUMAN SETTLEMENTS HAVE NOT BEEN FORMALLY TABLED IN THE SECOND COMMITTEE. THE CURRENT INFORMAL PROPOSALS CIRCULATING APPEAR TO HAVE DEFECTS WHICH CONCEIVABLY THE USUN DRAFT VERSION COULD CURE. ACTION REQUESTED: DEPARTMENT CONCUR IN USUN USING DRAFT PROPOSAL AS A BASIS FOR NEGOTIATING A COMPROMISE SOLUTION, WHICH WOULD BE CLEARED WITH DEPARTMENT. END SUMMARY.

2. AS A FOLLOW-UP TO KITCHEN-NORRIS TELECON AND GIVEN THE RAPID AND SOMEWHAT CONFUSED SERIES OF EVENTS ON THIS ITEM WE THOUGHT IT MIGHT BE USEFUL TO RECAPITULATE  
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WHERE THE SITUATION STANDS, WHAT WE UNDERSTAND IMPORTANT

COUNTRY VIEWS ARE, AND WHAT WE WOULD  
RECOMMEND THE USG DO, UNDER THE CIRCUMSTANCES.

3. TO DATE NO RPT NO RESOLUTION HAS BEEN ADOPTED UNDER  
ITEM 60(C), I.E. WITH REGARD TO HUMAN SETTLEMENTS.  
THERE IS ONLY ONE RESOLUTION WHICH HAS BEEN TABLED ON  
THE SUBJECT PER SE (OTHER THAN THE "LIVING CONDITIONS  
IN OCCUPIED TERRITORIES"), AND THAT IS THE CANADIAN  
SPONSORED "HABITAT: UNITED NATIONS CONFERENCE ON HUMAN  
SETTLEMENTS" (A/C.2/31/L9/REV.1). THIS RESOLUTION IS  
EXPECTED TO BE ADOPTED BY CONSENSUS AND WE ARE INSTRUCTED  
TO SUPPORT IT (SEE REFTEL). IT DEALS  
WITH THE HABITAT REPORT BY TAKING NOTE OF IT; IN GENERAL  
TERMS, IT CALLS UPON REGIONAL COMMISSIONS AND OTHER IN-  
TERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS BOTH WITHIN THE UN AND OUTSIDE  
TO SUPPORT NATIONAL EFFORTS IN HUMAN SETTLEMENTS; AND  
FURTHER IT REQUESTS THOSE REGIONAL ECONOMIC COMMISSIONS  
WHICH HAVE NOT ALREADY DONE SO TO CONVENE REGIONAL MEETINGS.  
(ECLA AND ECE HAVE ALREADY HEDL REGIONAL MEETINGS.)  
IT DOES NOT RPT NOT DEAL WITH THE QUESTIONS OF  
POST HABITAT CONFERENCE GLOBAL INSTITUTIONAL ARRANGEMENTS  
FOR HUMAN SETTLEMENT ACTIVITIES. (FYI. THE  
CANADIANS VIEW THIS RESOLUTION, ALONG WITH A RESOLUTION  
THEY WILL BE TALKING WITH REGARD TO AUDIO-VISUAL MATERIAL  
FOLLOW UP, AS THEIR INITIATIVES AND WOULD BE HAPPY TO  
SEE THESE ADOPTED. AS TO MATTERS BEYOND THESE, CANADIAN  
DEL TO SECOND COMMITTEE (KINSMAN) WAS EXPLICIT IN  
DISCLAIMING SPONSORSHIP OF ANY RESOLUTION ON GLOBAL  
INSTITUTIONAL ARRANGEMENTS WHICH MAY BE CIRCULATING,  
AND WISHED TO DISPEL ANY DOUBTS WHICH MAY HAVE BEEN  
CREATED BY RUMOR OR OTHERWISE, IN THIS REGARD. END  
FYI).

4. WITH REGARD TO THOSE RESOLUTIONS WHICH ARE IN-  
FORMALLY CIRCULATING ON THE QUESTION OF GLOBAL INSTI-  
TUTIONAL ARRANGEMENTS, THERE ARE CURRENTLY THREE MAJOR  
PROPOSALS: A) THE TANZANIAN DRAFT RESOLUTION WHICH HAS  
BEEN REVISED AS RECENTLY AS NOVEMBER 4 ENTITLED  
"PROGRAMMES AND INSTITUTIONAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR INTER-  
NATIONAL COOPERATION IN HUMAN SETTLEMENTS"; B) THE  
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KENYAN DRAFT RESOLUTION ENTITLED "INSTITU-  
TIONAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION IN  
HUMAN SETTLEMENTS"; AND C) THE PHILIPPINE DRAFT RESOL-  
UTION ENTITLED "THE UNITED NATIONS HABITAT AND HUMAN  
SETTLEMENTS FOUNDATION".

5. THE TANZANIAN RESOLUTION WAS ORIGINALLY AND ECONOMIC  
AND SOCIAL AFFAIRS, CENTER FOR HOUSING, BUILDING AND

PLANNING (CHBP) POSITION, BUT IT HAS BEEN MODIFIED IN CORRIDOR NEGOTIATIONS AND DISCUSSION, PARTICULARLY WITH THE JAPANESE, SO IT IS NOW A RELATIVELY MODERATE RESOLUTION LEANING IN THE DIRECTION OF DEFERRAL BUT STILL WITH A CHBP SOLUTION BIAS; THE KENYAN RESOLUTION IS A STRAIGHT HEAVILY UNEP, NAIROBI FORMULA; AND THE PHILIPPINES RESOLUTION IS AN EFFORT TO BUTTRESS THE UNITED NATIONS HABITAT AND HUMAN SETTLEMENTS FOUNDATION WHICH IS ONLY NOMINALLY LOCATED IN NAIROBI AND UNDER UNEP AND COULD CONCEIVABLY BE INSTITUTIONALLY PLACED ELSEWHERE.

6. THE ONLY ONE OF THE ABOVE (A), (B), OR (C) WHICH HAS AN OUTSIDE CHANCE OF BREAKING THE LOGJAM IS THE TANZANIAN PROPOSAL BUT IT CARRIES THE STIGMA OF ITS PAST. THE RESOLUTION USUN MISFAXED TO THE DEPARTMENT WAS, WE THINK, A BETTER EFFORT AT CUTTING THROUGH THE GORDIAN KNOT WE FIND OURSELVES, I.E. THE SECOND COMMITTEE, CONFRONTED WITH. WE WOULD NOT BE STEPPING ON CANADIAN TOES- KINSMAN STATED THE CANADIANS HAD NO SUBSTANTIVE PROBLEMS WITH THE GENERAL APPROACH (DIFFERENCE) OF THE TANANIAN (JAPANESE) DRAFT, BUT DOUBTED THAT THE KENYASN WOULD AGREE TO IT; AND WE BELIEVE THAT THE KENYANS WOULD PROBABLY BE RECEPTIVE TO A DRAFT RESOLUTION ALONG THE LINES WE FORWARDED TO THE DEPARTMENT, AS AT LEAST GUARANTEEING THEM CONTINUANCE OF THE STATUS QUO, WHICH IS THE BEST THEY COULD PROBABLY HOPE FOR.

7. ACTION REQUESTED: THAT DEPARTMENT CONCUR IN THE USE OF THE MIXFAXED DRAFT RESOLUTION AS A BASIS FOR NEGOTIATING A COMPROMISE SOLUTION TO BE CLEARED WITH THE DEPARTMENT.

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